UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA NEW ALBANY DIVISION

IN RE:)	
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EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,)	Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
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Debtor.)	Hon. Basil H. Lorch III

TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT WITH CLICRWEIGHT, LLC

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019, James A. Knauer, as chapter 11 trustee ("Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate ("Estate") of Eastern Livestock Co., LLC ("Debtor"), by counsel, respectfully moves the Court to approve a compromise and settlement of claims between the Trustee and ClicRweight, LLC ("ClicRweight") pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Settlement Agreement"). In support of this Settlement Motion, the Trustee states as follows:

Introduction and Background

- 1. Certain petitioning creditors commenced the above-captioned chapter 11 case ("Chapter 11 Case") on December 6, 2010 ("Petition Date"). The Court entered the *Order For Relief in An Involuntary Case and Order to Complete Filing* [Docket No. 110] on December 28, 2010.
- 2. On December 27, 2010, the Court entered the *Order Approving the*Appointment of James A. Knauer as Chapter 11 Trustee [Docket No. 102] approving the United

 States Trustee's Application for an Order Approving the Appointment of James A. Knauer as

 Chapter 11 Trustee [Docket No. 98] pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1104.

- 3. The Trustee filed the *Trustee's Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation* on July 23, 2012 [Docket No. 1255] and the *First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation* on October 26, 2012 [Docket No. 1490] ("<u>Plan</u>"). The Court entered an Order on December 17, 2012 [Docket No. 1644] ("<u>Confirmation Order</u>") confirming the Plan.
- 4. Prior to the Chapter 11 Case, Debtor and Spicola Tool, LLC entered into the Agreement Between Spicola Tool, LLC and Eastern Livestock Co., LLC Regarding Services and Funding Related to ClicRweight ("Funding Agreement"). Pursuant to the Funding Agreement, Debtor could acquire a membership interest in ClicRweight in exchange for cash investment and services.
- 5. Spicola Tool, LLC reorganized and changed its name to ClicRWeight, LLC on November 2, 2010.
- 6. ClicRweight alleges that Debtor failed to perform the conditions required by the Funding Agreement and alleges that Debtor is liable to it for damages.
- 7. The Trustee denies the claims of ClicRweight and claims that the Debtor is entitled to receive payment for its interest in ClicRweight.
- 8. The Trustee and ClicRweight, in an effort to avoid the significant cost and expense of litigation, desire to settle their disputes upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

The Settlement

9. The Trustee requests that the Court approve the compromise and settlement of claims between the Trustee and ClicRweight pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

10. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, ClicRweight shall deliver to the Trustee the sum of \$75,000.00 on or before 90 days after the date the Court enters a final, nonappealable order approving this Settlement Motion.

Basis for Relief

- 11. Pursuant to Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rules"), this Court has authority to approve a compromise or settlement on motion made by the Trustee after notice and opportunity for a hearing.
- 12. Under Bankruptcy Rule 9019, a bankruptcy court should approve a proposed compromise if it is fair and equitable and in the best interests of the estate. See In re

 Doctors Hosp. of Hyde Park, Inc., 474 F.3d 421, 426 (7th Cir. 2007); Depoister v. Mary M.

 Holloway Found, 36 F.3d 582, 586 (7th Cir. 1994); Matter of Energy Co-op, Inc. 886 F.2d 921, 927 (7th Cir. 1989).
- 13. The Trustee believes that the compromise and settlement reflected in the proposed Settlement Agreement is fair and equitable and in the best interests of the estate in view of the information currently available and the risks inherent in litigation of this type. The alternative to the proposed settlement is litigation of the claims between the Trustee and ClicRweight, including a trial, which would result in additional expenses and delay and create the possibility of an outcome that would result in a smaller recovery to the estate.
- 14. If no objections to this Settlement Motion are filed, the Trustee requests that the Court enter an order approving the Settlement Agreement. If any objections to this Settlement Motion are filed, the Trustee requests that this Settlement Motion and any timely filed objection be scheduled for hearing by the Court on the earliest date that is available and convenient to the Court.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and grant the Trustee all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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